

REMARKS

Claims 1-113 are pending in this application. Claims 1-95, 98-104, 106-111 and 113 are withdrawn. By this Amendment, claim 96 is amended.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Tran at the interview held October 27, 2005, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 96, 97 and 112 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,331,203 ("Wojnarowski").

Wojnarowski teaches that the side surface of the cavity 14 is perpendicular to the substrate 12. It is the back surface of the dielectric layer 32 that is inclined with respect to the substrate 12. See Figure 1 of Wojnarowski.

Applicant submits that Wojnarowski does not teach or suggest a substrate including a depression section having an inner wall surface, the inner wall surface adjacent to a bottom surface of the depression section being curved or inclined with respect to the bottom surface of the depression section as recited in claim 96. It is clear from Figure 1 in Wojnarowski that the inner walls of the depression section that are adjacent to the bottom surface of the depression section are perpendicular to the bottom surface. See cavity 14 in Figure 1, in which the inner walls of cavity 14 are shown perpendicular to the bottom surface (i.e., the cavity or depression section is rectangular in shape). These inner walls are clearly not curved or inclined with respect to the bottom surface of the depression section as recited in claim 96.

Moreover, during the October 27, 2005 interview, Examiner Tran admitted that Wojnarowski does not teach or suggest that the inner wall surface adjacent to a bottom

surface of the depression section is curved or inclined with respect to the bottom surface of the depression section as required in claim 96.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that Wojnarowski does not teach or suggest all of the features recited in claims 96, 97 and 112. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are thus respectfully requested.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 105 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Wojnarowski in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,524,339 ("Gorowitz").

Gorowitz teaches that the substrate has a plurality of chipped cavities 11a. See column 6, lines 23-25 of Gorowitz. However, Gorowitz illustrates that these cavities have a rectangular shape with squared walls.

As such, Applicant submits that Gorowitz does not remedy the deficiencies of Wojnarowski. In particular, Gorowitz does not teach or suggest that the inner wall surface adjacent to a bottom surface of a depression section is curved or inclined with respect to the bottom surface of the depression section as required in claim 96.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that Wojnarowski and/or Gorowitz do not teach or suggest all of the features recited in claim 105. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are thus respectfully requested.

III. Rejoinder

Applicant submits that in accordance with MPEP §821.04, upon allowance of product claims 96, 97, 105 and 112, at least process claims 1-92 should be rejoined and similarly allowed. Moreover, Applicant submits that upon allowance of the elected species, additional species should then also be examined and allowed.

Thus, all claims should ultimately be examined and similarly allowed.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-113 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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